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## EXCHANGE CLUB HOSTING AWARDS

The Milwaukee Police Department will be rewarding those who have made a difference in the community through their crime prevention efforts.

The Exchange Club will host its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Prevention Awards luncheon Tuesday, February 22, 2005 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Wisconsin Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett will be the special guest speaker.

Among those being recognized this year are Special Agent John "Jay" Balchunas of the Wisconsin Department of Justice and a former Milwaukee Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty in October 2004, and The Rev. Eleazar Perez-Rodriguez, who is known for his crime prevention efforts and his contributions to the youth of the community. Rev. Perez continues his recovery from traumatic injuries suffered when he was seriously hurt in a hit and run crash earlier this year.

The Exchange Club of Milwaukee is part of a national service organization with more than 1,000 chapters. Members are involved in various public service programs in their community.

The media are welcome to attend and to conduct interviews.

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